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Intended Recipient	Project Name	Location	Purpose	Amount Requested	Justification (provided by the intended recipient)
City of Ames	Water Pollution Control Plant Disinfection	Ames	to install a wastewater disinfection system	\$794,750	Ames is one of the few municipalities operating under a federal US EPA discharge permit. While the legal requirement to disinfect will not begin until a new NPDES permit is issued, staff is uncomfortable with the prospect of waiting several more years until the state and federal agencies issue a new permit. Implementation of disinfection is an important component to achieving the national goals of the Clean Water Act; specifically, the “fishable/swimmable” goal.
City of Boone	Waste Water and Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements	Boone	to make sewer improvements	\$1,000,000	IDNR has identified Boone’s failing sewer system among sixteen Iowa sewer systems needing widespread improvements. When overwhelmed, untreated waste bypasses treatment and is pumped into a tributary of the Des Moines River—directly contaminating the Des Moines reservoir.
City of Cedar Falls	Sanitary Sewer Treatment Disinfection	Cedar Falls	to construct an ultraviolet disinfection process that will be constructed at the wastewater treatment plant	\$3,000,000	Since the Clean Water Act of 1973, regulations governing wastewater treatment facilities have become increasingly more restrictive which ultimately means more expensive. The cost to construct these federally mandated improvements have in large part been borne solely by the local jurisdiction.
City of Clinton	Wastewater Treatment Force Mains	Clinton	to construct sewer lines that will convey sanitary sewage from the existing plant to the new facility	\$3,000,000	The new Regional Facility will sever the City of Clinton, Camanche and Low Moor. The discharges from the three individual treatment systems have a negative impact on the water quality of the Mississippi River; and also contribute to the water quality problems in the Gulf of Mexico, the hypoxic issue.
City of Des Moines	Sanitary Sewer Improvements	Des Moines	to make improvements to the wastewater infrastructure	\$3,000,000	This project will address environmental and public health threats while improving the water quality of the Des Moines River and its watershed. In addition, this project will help the City be in compliance with the Clean Water Act, a federal law.
City of Mason City	Pressure Sand Filter System for Water Plant	Mason City	to construct a pressure sand filter system	\$1,000,000	The EPA required us to build an EDR system to remove radium from our water in order to provide a safe water source for residents. The mission is continued with the project by providing drinking water at a reduced cost.

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City of Ottumwa	Combined Sewer Separation Water Quality Improvement Program	Ottumwa	to construct a separate storm sewer system	\$3,000,000	To continue to promote and improve water quality and eliminate potential health related issues caused from basement backups and street flooding while assisting in maintaining affordable essential utility rates. The project continues to move the city towards the state and national goals of the Clean Water Act which helps not only the local water shed but ultimately the Mississippi drainage basin.
City of Prairie City	Sewer System Treatment Plant Upgrade	Prairie City	to upgrade the aerated lagoon sewer system	\$500,000	The project is a direct investment in infrastructure improvement, meeting environmental standards of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century and promoting economic development not only rural Iowa, but the heartland of the United States.
City of Sioux City	Water System Improvements	Sioux City	to construct a new well field, treatment plant and associated piping	\$1,500,000	Sioux City faces \$63.2 million dollars of mandated improvements to our water system. In order to meet the requirements and construct these unfunded mandates, water rates will need to be adjusted. Large water systems are not afforded the benefit of grants and stimulus money to the levels that rural water systems and small community water systems are. That means our rate payers have to bear the financial burden of compliance with unfunded mandates.
City of Spencer	Interceptor Trunk Sewer Project and Wastewater Treatment Improvements	Spencer	to construct a separate storm sewer system	\$2,500,000	The City of Spencer was placed on an EPA consent order to eliminate its CSO's that discharge into the Little Sioux River in order to meet the 1972 Clean Water Act. Until the recent EPA order the City had been allowed to utilize a combined sewer overflow system. A tremendous amount of capital had been placed into the current system. The Federal Government by its adoption of the 1972 Clean Water Act has prioritized the importance of cleaning up the rivers. This project if completed would benefit the federal taxpayers by preserving one of its natural resources "The Little Sioux River".
City of Wellman	Water Quality Improvement Project	Wellman	to install a reverse osmosis water system	\$1,500,000	Water quality is of extreme importance to all citizens in the United States and helping municipal water supplies provide water that won't acutely endanger human life is essential for our country.
University of Northern Iowa	Outdoor Learning and Digital Watershed Laboratory	Cedar Falls	to advance current methods of watershed planning and management by providing on-demand wireless data transmission	\$868,000	This digital watershed serves as the second designated digital watershed basin in the Midwest (one of 66 worldwide) to provide land management agencies, educators, and the public with a blueprint for a research and educational platform for water resource sustainability.

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America's Agricultural Heritage Area	Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area	Waterloo and Northeast Iowa	to provide technical assistance to communities, help promote tourism and preserve the agricultural heritage of the region	\$760,000	SSNHA acts as a facilitator to train and assist small communities and Partner Sites for financial resources that will enable them to be more self sufficient. We also provide marketing opportunities and youth education programs. To date SSNHA has granted out more than \$1,400,000 to assist communities and provide technical assistance. We provide 24 full and part times jobs, including employment for 7-8 college interns through the University of Northern Iowa's Intern Program.
City of Storm Lake	Storm Lake Restoration Project	Storm Lake	to improve water quality and watershed management practices	\$500,000	Restoring and protecting the environment in a national priority. Federal dollars are being leveraged with contributions of the other stakeholders to accomplish more than what could be done by any one of the partners.
National Rural Water Association	EPA Technical Assistance	Assoc - Oklahoma. Funding - Nationwide	to provide rural and small communities training, technical assistance and source water/groundwater protection	\$16,800,000	Need for on-site technical assistance with the expansion of federal drinking water regulations (including arsenic, radon, operator certification requirements, disinfection byproducts, and the ground water treatment rule) and more stringent waste water permits.
Water Systems Council	Wellcare	Nationwide	to include household wells in drinking water infrastructure plans, to provide training workshops, to produce educational materials for the public, and to operate a free hotline.	\$1,500,000	WSC's wellcare program is the only national program solely focused on protecting drinking water resources for the 42 million Americans who rely on household wells and the millions of others nationwide who depend on small, shared wells.

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